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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-83894)

DATE: 10/17/61

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (100-11671)

SUBJECT: Civilian Research, Interplanetary
Flying Objects, Leonard H. Stringfield,
Director, Cincinnati, Ohio
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
Cincinnati Ohio

4412 Groves Avenue
For the information of the Bureau, there is a letterhead memorandum captioned as above relative to information received from LEONARD H. STRINGFIELD on September 25, 1961, and on October 2, 1961, by SA GEORGE J. MC QUAD. One copy of letterhead memorandum has been disseminated locally to OSI, Cincinnati, Ohio.
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For completion of the Bureau's file concerning matters relating to LEONARD H. STRINGFIELD, the following is set forth:

A newspaper article captioned "Death and Funerals, L.R. "PAT" STRINGFIELD; decorated war hero", appeared in the Cincinnati Enquirer, a newspaper of general circulation in the Greater Cincinnati, Ohio, area, dated June 15, 1960, reflects that LEONARD R. "PAT" STRINGFIELD, a much decorated veteran of World War I, and one of the chapter members of Chapter 1 of the disabled American Veterans in Cincinnati, died at his home, 2495 Harrison Avenue, at age 62.

This article further reflects that one of his sons, LEONARD H. STRINGFIELD, Mariemont, is known nationally for his researches into the study of unidentified flying objects, and holds views on the subject which have attracted the attention of the Federal Government. The article identified Mr.

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Stringfield as an Advertising Executive of the DuBois Chemical Company, and further shows that his study of reports on flying saucers, however, have convinced him they are from other planets.

Additionally, a news article appeared in the Cincinnati Post and Times Star, a daily newspaper of general circulation in the Cincinnati, Ohio, area, under date of June 4, 1960, page 5, captioned, "Tell Secrets on Saucers, Expert Says", which article is set forth verbatim as follows:

"Leonard Stringfield, Cincinnati's flying saucer expert, believes the United States could take the space spotlight away from Russia by opening up secret files on unidentified flying objects.

"It could be the start of co-operation among all governments of the world," he says. "If all governments would pool their information on unidentified flying objects and work in unison on this it would help to ease world tensions."

Stringfield, advertising manager for DuBois Chemicals, Inc., believes the unidentified flying objects are from outer space and that they are controlled by intelligent beings who are observing earth.

"I don't believe there is any hostile intent," he said. "I believe they have been using planets in our solar system for bases, even the moon. Astronomers for years have observed shifting spots on the moon."

Stringfield said he believes U.S. Air Force secret files contain evidence 'or near evidence' that the objects are from outer space, but that officials are afraid that it would cause panic if released.

Foreign governments, too, have such evidence, he said, but are keeping it secret for the same reason.

Stringfield, who heads Cincinnati's Unidentified Flying Object Society, became interested in unidentified flying objects in 1945 while in the Air Force. He said

Street, Washington, D.C., Major Donald Keyhoe, Director. Mr. Stringfield noted that the personnel of this committee are made up of civilian personnel.

On October 2, 1961, Mr. Stringfield advised the Cincinnati Office, FBI, Cincinnati, Ohio, that he had noted an article in the Sunday edition of the Cincinnati Enquirer, October 1, 1961, on page 1, section E, under the caption, "Offbeat Washington", which contained one paragraph, "Some Defense Department bigwigs are apprehensive that Russia will climax its campaign of intimidation by a spectacular explosion in space--an immense nuclear blast visible to hundreds of millions of people. These officials believe that the Soviet Union has the capability of setting off such an explosion 200 miles or so above the earth where it could be seen from many countries."

Mr. Stringfield advised that the above paragraph was printed as a reprint from the Herald Tribune News Service, Washington, D.C., and that this article seemed to tie in well with what the caller had related to Mr. Stringfield in the anonymous telephone call on September 25, 1961.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Cincinnati, Ohio
October 17, 1961

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 100-11671

RE: CIVILIAN RESEARCH, INTERPLANETARY
FLYING OBJECTS, LEONARD H. STRINGFIELD,
DIRECTOR, CINCINNATI, OHIO

Leonard H. Stringfield, Advertising Manager, DuBois Chemical Company, Inc., 7th and Broadway, Cincinnati, Ohio, residence, 4412 Grove Avenue, Mariemont, Cincinnati, Ohio, advised on September 25, 1961, that he is active in unidentified flying objects research, that he has published a bulletin concerning these matters, that he is well known in this field, and that he has worked with the Air Defense Command concerning matters relating to unidentified flying objects.

Mr. Stringfield advised that he recently appeared on a television program known as Impact News on television station WCPO-TV, Cincinnati, Ohio, appearing on Sunday, September 10, 1961, at which time he was questioned by a panel of three members concerning matters relating to unidentified flying objects.

Mr. Stringfield advised that at approximately 9:00 A.M. on September 25, 1961, he had received an anonymous telephone call, being male caller, whose voice he described as firm, clear, and who spoke good English. The caller related that he had very important information to relate to Mr. Stringfield, whom he asked for by name in his call, relating to unidentified flying objects. Mr. Stringfield related that the caller

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stated in effect, "We are calling all key and responsible people on this matter", after the caller had established that he was speaking with Mr. Stringfield, which call was placed to Mr. Stringfield's place of employment, mentioned above, telephone GA 1-5100. The caller would not identify himself, and in the phone call alerted Mr. Stringfield to expect, "the biggest flurry of unidentified flying objects sightings as a result of Russian nuclear explosions in the one hundred megaton range". Mr. Stringfield advised that the caller said to be prepared when confusion begins resulting from these sightings. The caller related that these sightings would be seen between certain dates, and that to the best of Mr. Stringfield's recollection, the caller stated, "Mark these dates, October 15 to October 19, during which will be the greatest incident in UFO (Unidentified Flying Objects) activity over the years". According to Mr. Stringfield, the caller remarked further, "I'll remain in touch with you, and will call back after the nineteenth".

Mr. Stringfield advised that the caller refused to identify himself, and according to Mr. Stringfield seemed to speak intelligently in the message he had to relate to Mr. Stringfield.

Mr. Stringfield advised that he was concerned about this telephone call in that if there were any truth in the matter, and if such sightings should occur, that it may cause panic among the populous in this country, and that further, that the caller seemed to speak very seriously, and there was no indication in the caller's voice or message to indicate that it was a joke or a prank.

Mr. Stringfield advised that it is not unusual that he receives telephone calls concerning unidentified objects, inasmuch as he, Stringfield, is authorized to report sightings of unidentified objects to the headquarters, Air Defense Command, at Columbus, Ohio. He stated further that it is not unusual that he might receive such a call inasmuch as he is publicly known as a person who is interested in matters relating to unidentified flying objects.

Mr. Stringfield advised that he is an advisor to the National Investigations Committee on aerial phenomena, which committee is located on Connecticut

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he saw a formation of them from a bomber.

Since then he has served as a spotter for the Air Defense Command, published a magazine about the objects, and written a book on them."